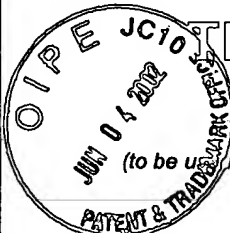


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The Office Action mailed on February 20, 2002 (the "Office Action") and the comments stated therein by the Examiner have been carefully reviewed. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the following Amendment and Remarks.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 22-35 and 37-40 to read as follows:

1 2 22 (Amended) The cement composition of claim 21 wherein said calcium aluminate cement has an alumina content of about 80% by weight of said cement.

3 23 (Amended) The cement composition of claim 21 wherein said set accelerating additive is a lithium salt selected from the group consisting of lithium chloride, lithium carbonate, lithium sulfate and lithium hydroxide.

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